## AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0023] as shown below.

[0023] In accordance with an embodiment of the present invention, a write strategy generator (i.e., write strategy generator 124) is only located in the pickup head 124 106, without the need for a write strategy generator also being located on the main board 102. A write strategy generator has typically been needed on a main board, because sample-and-hold functions typically occurred on the main board. Embodiments of the present invention have migrated the sample-and-hold functions onto the pick-up head, as discussed above, eliminating the necessity for a write strategy generator on the main board 140 102.

Please amend paragraph [0024] as shown below.

[0024] In the embodiment just described, both sample-and-hold circuits as well as write strategy generator circuits were all moved from the main board 102 to the OPU 106. While this is preferable, it is also possible to move the sample-and-hold circuits onto the pick-up head while still having a write strategy generator 224 within the controller 108 on the main board 102, as shown in FIG. 2. In such an embodiment, sample-and-hold timing signals would be send down the flex 104 from a write strategy generator 224 on the main board to the sample-and-hold circuits 126 and 128 of the PMIC 114 and PDIC 116.